

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

MOORLANDS PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING

Minutes

WEDNESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2021

PRESENT: Councillor H Sheldon MBE (Chairman)

Councillors M Bowen, B Emery, M Gledhill, A Hart, L A Malyon,
T Riley, Councillor P Turner, Councillor S Wales and Walley

APOLOGIES: Councillors E Fallows and I Lawson

74 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

75 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:**

Agenda No.	Member Declaring Interest	Nature of Interest
Not specified	Cllr Hart	Other – A member of Biddulph Town Council
Not specified	Cllr Sheldon	Other – Chairman of Biddulph in Bloom which had received grant funding from SMDC and a member of Biddulph Town Council.
Items 4 & 5	Cllr Malyon	Other – Chair of Ipstones Parish Council. An item for this area was being considered at the meeting.
Not specified	Cllrs Emery & Wales	Other – Members of Leek Town Council.

76 **SUMMARY OF PROJECTS**

The Board received a report which provided an update and reviewed progress on the grants already approved (in previous years) under the Moorlands Partnership Board.

The report and presentation detailed progress to date on those projects, awaiting

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commencement, on site or, completed since the last meeting of the Moorlands Partnership Board.

Project updates and progress

2015/16 OFFERS:

Gazebo, Whitehough, Ipstones
Works complete and grant paid.

2016/17 OFFERS:

The Trough, Biddulph
Awaiting commencement. No update from Biddulph Town Council.

Gillow Heath Station.
Awaiting commencement

Halls Road Community Notice Board, Biddulph
Noticeboards completed and awaiting invoices. A licence was required to fix the boards in place.

2017/2018 OFFERS:

Funerary Monuments
Ongoing project. Repairs to all the funerary monuments were now complete with the exception of the Genders memorial at the Church of St Lawrence, Biddulph.

2019/2020 OFFERS:

42 Compton, Leek
No further update to report.

Leekbrook Rail Track
Works on site, the construction was due to start towards the end of January 2022 with a completion in September 2022.

2020/2021 OFFERS:

St Edwards Summerhouses
Specification of works being prepared prior to making formal grant award.

ANTICIPATED APPLICATIONS:

Biddulph Florists
Potential grant aid for like for like replacement shopfront. Awaiting quotes and the applicant has been chased as there had been a change to the tenancy.

Former Garage, Ipstones
Repair and restoration of building for community use.

The Officer explained that although she hadn't received any enquiries for large projects, she had been contacted about smaller schemes which included the

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restoration of war memorials, a local artist heritage trail in Tean and shop frontage renovations.

77 FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND PROPOSED GRANT AWARDS

The Board received a report which sought Member's approval for the allocation of grant funding from the Moorlands Partnership Board (MPB) in 2021/22. The budget for this year was £60,350.

The report allowed members to consider applications for environmental enhancement and heritage grants under the MPB for funding toward suitable projects within the district.

An application had been received for grant funding towards the restoration of the village Well at Endon, an analysis of the heritage value of the well was outlined at section 7 of the report.

Members recalled that given the extraordinary circumstances of last year, the Finance Team had agreed to roll forward any unallocated funds to the subsequent 4 years funding of the MPB. This provided a total of £60,000 to be allocated each financial year to 2024/25.

Subject to the above grant being approved, this would result in a current budget underspend of £50,830 in 2021/22. A series of activities had been agreed going forward to further promote the scheme and encourage uptake of grant funding.

The Chair asked members to encourage people to apply for grant funding and it was suggested that this grant scheme could be promoted at the next meeting of the Parish Assembly.

RESOLVED:

- 1) The Board **NOTED** the financial summary in 7.5 and action taken to increase uptake of grants.
- 2) Members of the Board **APPROVED** a 75% grant of £1,170 towards the eligible works at the Village Well restoration at Endon totalling £1,560 (exclusive of VAT) and subject to the standard grant conditions.

78 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the date of the next meeting would be towards the end of March 2022. The confirmed date would be circulated to members in due in course.

The meeting closed at 2.36 pm

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_____ Chairman _____ Date